

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 6927

Katsuo SHIBAHARA

Art Unit: 3656

Application No.: 10/562,880

Examiner: James PILKINGTON

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For: FLUID BEARING DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: April 8, 2010

Sir:

This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated December 8, 2009, the response time being extended one-month by payment of appropriate fees, please amend the application as shown on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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